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FOLLOWING REPEAT GENEVA 10225 ACTION STATE JULY 6.

QUOTE NCLAS GENEVA 10225

DEPARTMENT PASS ALL DIPLOMATIC POSTS

ATTENTION ALL PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MTN, ETRD
SUBJECT: US POSITION FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRY PARTICIPATION
IN TOKYO ROUND

1. YOUR ATTENTION IS CALLED TO JULY 3 WIRELESS FILE ITEM "US HOPES FOR TOKYO ROUND". THE STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR McDONALD TO THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING IS THE AUTHORITATIVE US POSITION FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRY PARTICIPATION IN THE TOKYO ROUND AS WE APPROACH THE JULY 15 TARGET DATE FOR POLITICAL AGREEMENT ON AS MANY TOKYO ROUND ISSUES AS POSSIBLE.

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2. THE TNC WAS CALLED AT THE REQUEST OF SOME THIRTY TO THIRTY-FIVE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHO GENERALLY TOOK THE LINE THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN FULL OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TOKYO ROUND. THE US STATEMENT POINTED OUT THAT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE HAS BEEN DONE TO FACILITATE AND ENCOURAGE LDC PARTICIPATION UNDER THE ACCELERATED TIME SCHEDULE WHICH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ALIKE

HAVE AGREED TO.

3. THE US STATEMENT WAS NOT DEFENSIVE IN TONE. IT POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS NO TECHNICAL REASON WHY WE SHOULD FAIL TO REACH AGREEMENT ON MANY OF THE ISSUES BY JULY 15 IF SUFFICIENT COLLECTIVE POLITICAL WILL CAN BE BROUGHT TO BEAR. IT POINTED OUT THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL BE THE MAJOR BENEFICIARIES OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL BE PREPARED TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH LDCS IN THE POST JULY 15 PERIOD.

4. FYI SINCE THE TABLING OF THE US OFFER IN JANUARY THE US HAS TAKEN A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC STEPS IN GENEVA AND IN CAPITALS TO MAKE LDC PARTICIPATION MORE EFFECTIVE.

5. IF THE SUBJECT OF LDC PARTICIPATION SHOULD ARISE IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS, PAOS AND ECONOMIC OFFICERS MAY WISH TO DRAW UPON AMBASSADOR MCDONALD'S STATEMENT, EMPHASIZING THAT THE UNITED STATES DESIRES ACTIVE LDC PARTICIPATION, THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS TAKEN STEPS TO MAKE THAT POSSIBLE AND THAT BECAUSE OF THE SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES LDCS HAVE HAD IN ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING (SMALL STAFFS, POOR COMMUNICATIONS WITH CAPITALS) WE ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM FOLLOWING THE JULY 15 POLITICAL LEVEL AGREEMENT

6. YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO REFER TO STATEMENTS BY AMBASSA- UNCLASSIFIED

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DOR STRAUSS ON JULY 5 TO NEWSMEN IN WASHINGTON THAT IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT ALL ISSUES WILL BE RESOLVED BY JULY 15.

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